

duty in the Bataan Peninsula. He was assigned to U.S. Army Forces Far East (USAFPE) headquarters at Little Baguio near the tip of Bataan.

The troops on Bataan, running out of ammunition, food, and medicine, with no hope of resupply or reinforcement, were surrendered by their commanding officers on April 9, 1942. Walter was among 86,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war who were forced on what became known as the infamous Bataan Death March, one of World War II's worst war crimes. In the tropical sun, deprived of food, water, and mercy, the men trekked 65 miles up Bataan to a train station. There they were packed standing 100 to a boxcar for the next 24 miles. Men died where they stood. Survivors marched another eight miles to their first POW camp, O'Donnell.

Walter, POW No. 203, was shipped to Japan in July 1943 packed in the dark, fetid hold of the hell ship *Clyde Maru* with 500 other POWs. He was sent to be a slave laborer at Fukuoka No. 17 POW Camp attached to the Mitsui-owned Miike coal mine in southern Japan close to Nagasaki. Starved, beaten, and denied medical care, he was forced to dig coal in a primitive mine until the camp was liberated in September 1945. The coal mine is now a UNESCO Industrial World Heritage site, albeit without mention of the thousands of POWs held there or that the mine had remained reliant on manual labor and not modern machinery.

Although asked to testify in Japan at the war crime trials held from 1946 to 1948, Mr. Gann could not return because he remained too sick from the various illnesses he suffered from during his three and one-half years as a POW. For the remainder of his life, Walter bore the weight of all the horror and inhumanity he had witnessed. When he was able to work, Walter was a truck driver.

In 1949, Walter moved to Booneville, Mississippi, and married Juanita Goddard. Together they raised four children. In 1963, he lost both his wife and his stepson. In his later years, he lived in Chattanooga, Tennessee, until he passed away on October 14, 1980.

During his lifetime, Walter was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Purple Heart, the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one bronze campaign star, the American Defense Service Medal with one bronze campaign star, and the Philippine Defense Medal. He also received a letter from President Harry S. Truman thanking him for his service. Posthumously, he received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement, the Prisoner of War Medal, and the Presidential Unit Citation with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

I am grateful for Corporal Walter Gann's commitment to faith, family, and democracy. I am humbled by his sacrifices for our country.

CONGRATULATING JEFF RANKIN
FOR RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE AWARD BY
MONMOUTH COLLEGE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Rankin, who is this year's re-

cipient of the Distinguished Service Award by Monmouth College.

Mr. Rankin has always been drawn to Monmouth College, as his father played football for Monmouth. Further, his twin brother attended the institution and is now its Director of Theater. A strong affinity for Monmouth College is a part of the fabric of his family, which is why Mr. Rankin has truly been dedicated to sharing the story of Monmouth with the world for nearly his entire life. From 1992 until 2015, Mr. Rankin was Director of Communications for the College, where he served as an ambassador and one of its strongest advocates. He now assists the institution in a new position as the College's historian. Mr. Rankin's contributions to advancing the rapid progress of Monmouth College have been significant and invaluable.

It is because of passionate and leaders such as Jeff Rankin that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Jeff Rankin on receiving the Distinguished Service Award and thank him for his service to the Monmouth community.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT E. JULIANO

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, Robert E. Juliano passed from this earth on October 18, 2021, at age 80. His passing is a great loss to our country and to the Union members he represented so loyally for so many years. It is a particular loss to the United States Congress, because he believed so passionately in our institution. It is no less a loss to so many of us in Congress who treasured Bob Juliano both professionally and personally.

Bob was born May 20, 1941, to Emil and Mary Salvaria Juliano in his beloved hometown of Chicago. Bob was a true product of Taylor Street and the West Side of Chicago, and he never lost his roots there.

As a young man Bob Juliano became a personnel manager at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel in downtown Chicago. There he met the late Edward T. Hanley, then the leader in Chicago of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union (HERE), the Union now known as UNITE HERE, which represents the workers at the iconic Palmer House.

One of President Hanley's first acts when he became International President of HERE in 1973 was to hire Bob Juliano as the Union's first full-time Legislative Representative. It was unorthodox to hire a management person to represent the Union's members, and equally unorthodox to send to Washington someone with no lobbying experience at all.

President Hanley's unorthodox appointment was a response to Bob Juliano's passionate belief, founded in his Catholic faith and Jesuit education, in bringing people together. Over the years, he put that belief into practice by bringing together management and labor as well as people of all colors and faiths.

In Congress, Bob brought together Republicans and Democrats, liberals and conservatives, Members from smaller states and big

cities. His faith in all of us is so sorely missed today. He had no interest in labels like conservative, moderate, or progressive. His interest was always in finding the best in each of us and giving each of us the opportunity to do something good for everyday Americans.

Bob had literally countless friends in Congress. They included, among many others, Senators as diverse as Senator Robert J. Dole, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Senator Orrin Hatch, Senator Samuel Brownback, and Senators of both parties from his home state of Illinois, such as Everett Dirksen and RICHARD J. DURBIN. He lived long enough to relish the ascension of his friend Joe Biden to the Presidency of the United States.

In the House of Representatives, he likewise had strong relationships with Members across the spectrum, such as former Representatives Chris Cannon and Frank LoBiondo and his long-time close friend, House Appropriations Chair ROSA DELAUNO, among many others. He regarded the late Speaker Tip O'Neill as an important mentor.

Bob was particularly close to leaders of the Black Caucus, including the late Rep. John Lewis. He regarded the struggle for equality as the single most important issue of his lifetime. His belief in equality led him to work actively for civil rights and immigration reform, issues so important to the hospitality industry and to our nation.

One key to Bob's success on Capitol Hill was his many relationships with the staff who serve us as Members. Bob knew most of our Chiefs of Staff. He cared about everyone, whether the shoe-shine person, the Capitol Police Officer, the receptionist in our offices, the staff in the Doorkeepers' offices, the custodian, the food service worker—he knew and genuinely cared about them all. They responded to Bob because they sensed that his interest in them was genuine, and not simply a means to an end. Because of that sincere interest in everyone, Bob had a network anyone else would envy.

Bob Juliano was a product of the hospitality industry, and never was there a person more hospitable. He knew wine and food better than almost anyone, and he relished hosting so many people from so many walks of life.

Bob never left behind his roots in Chicago and his roots in the hospitality industry. Rank and file hotel and restaurant workers in Chicago and nationwide knew him. Representing their best interests was his lodestone.

He was a vigorous representative of UNITE HERE and its members. At the same time, he represented important employers such as American Express and NASCAR. Bob never saw that as a conflict, because he was so adept at finding common ground. The successive Presidents of the Union that he served never saw it as a conflict either, because he was so good at bringing people together. One important example was his long service on the US Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, where he advocated for workers and for the industry as a whole.

The late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago called Bob Juliano his lobbyist. Bob was very proud to have served as a pall bearer for Cardinal Bernardin and for Speaker O'Neill. Among his many honors, he was especially proud to have been an Honoree of the Sons of Italy Foundation.

Robert E. Juliano is survived by his son, Robert E. Juliano, Jr., of Chicago. He was

predeceased by his parents and his beloved sisters, Rosemary, Maryann, and Jeanette.

RECOGNIZING YUMA, CO, VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER DARCY STALLINGS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of volunteer firefighter Mr. Darcy Stallings. On October 21, 2021, Mr. Stallings passed away in an automobile accident while responding in his private vehicle to a call for a grasslands fire. His heroic actions and bravery stand as a reminder of the great sacrifice made by those who volunteer to serve their community as first responders.

Mr. Stallings was a highly respected firefighter who volunteered for the City of Yuma's Volunteer Fire Department for nine years. Growing up in Yuma and serving on the board of the Yuma County Fairgrounds, he was an integral part of the community. Good people like Mr. Stallings represent the best of America. He was deeply committed to his family and community, and he will be remembered for his willingness to help others. On October 21, Colorado lost a dedicated community servant, friend, and father.

I want to extend my deepest condolences to Mr. Stallings' family, friends, fellow firefighters, and community. Madam Speaker, I am humbled and honored to recognize Mr. Stallings' service and sacrifice.

HONORING RICHARD TRUMKA

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I am deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Richard Trumka. For those who knew him, Richard personified the integrity and selflessness he carried with him each day, sharing with all that he met. I was privileged to share a friendship with Richard, and when I first came to know him, I was immediately inspired by his passionate and courageous spirit.

I don't think there was a major election in Ohio over the past number of years where Richard was not in Niles or Youngstown or Akron campaigning and energizing union members. I was always impressed about how down to earth he was and how he had the common touch. But he was smart, he understood labor law, he knew the politics of the issues affecting workers and knew what the average worker was facing and the challenges. Most importantly, he understood the process of what needed to happen to make things better.

Richard was a hero of the labor movement and a champion for American Workers. He fought tirelessly to advocate for social and economic justice. As head of the AFL-CIO, he launched initiatives aimed at reaching younger workers, backed the "Fight for \$15" effort to raise the minimum wage and called for em-

ployees to have a voice in ensuring their workplaces have proper safety protocols.

Richard served on the boards of the National Labor College, The AFL-COP's Solidarity Center, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, among others. He also sat on the boards of the Economic Policy Institute and the Housing Investment Trust and served as President Emeritus of the United Mine Workers. He spent his life working tirelessly as an inspiring advocate for the Catholic social justice principle of honoring the dignity of the worker.

Richard's work has motivated me to continue advocating on behalf of workers and ensuring them a safe and secure future by protecting their ability to organize and collectively bargain. I am forever grateful that I was able to work alongside Richard and witness the impact he had on the American people. His advocacy will live on to empower others to follow in his footsteps in pushing for positive social change.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research

To hold hearings to examine the state of nutrition in America 2021.

SH-216

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Labor transition, focusing on protecting consumers and investors.

SD-538

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine cleaning up online marketplaces, focusing on protecting against stolen, counterfeit, and unsafe goods.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development

To hold hearings to examine training the Department of State's workforce for the 21st century diplomacy.

SD-G50/VTC

NOVEMBER 3

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine implementation of aviation safety reform.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine programs at the Economic Development Administration.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 587, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide that the President or certain agency heads may remove the Inspector General, or place an Inspector General on non-duty status, only if certain conditions are satisfied, S. 1794, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide testimonial subpoena authority, S. 2273, to authorize Inspectors General to continue operations during a lapse in appropriations, S. 2991, to establish a Department of Homeland Security Center for Countering Human Trafficking, S. 3035, to establish the Artificial Intelligence Hygiene Working Group, S. 2993, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency the National Cyber Exercise Program, S. 2491, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Cyber Resilience Assistance Fund, to improve the ability of the Federal Government to assist in enhancing critical infrastructure cyber resilience, to improve security in the national cyber ecosystem, to address Systemically Important Critical Infrastructure, S. 2540, to make technical corrections to title XXII of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, S. 2274, to authorize the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to establish an apprenticeship program and to establish a pilot program on cybersecurity training for veterans and members of the Armed Forces transitioning to civilian life, S. 2322, to require a pilot program on the participation of non-asset-based third-party logistics providers in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, S. 2793, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to establish an enhanced use lease pilot program, S. 2541, to authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the "Shadow Wolves") in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation as special agents, S. 1941, to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to standardize the